

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/832,180

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 28, third full paragraph, in the following manner:

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Two sheets of rectangular flexible material; for example, polyethylene films, are used for the ink pack 24. In order to improve the gas-barrier characteristic of the ink pack 24, aluminum foil or the like, for example, is laminated on the surface of each film.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 28 and 29 in the following manner:

A²
Ink is filled into the ink pack 24 from the remaining one open side of the ink pack 24 formed into the bag. The remaining side is then joined by heat welding to provide the ink pack 24 sealing storing ink therein. Reference numeral 24c designates a heat-welded section in the remaining side.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

The claims have been amended in the following manner.

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1. (Once amended) An ink cartridge for use with a recording apparatus, comprising:
an ink pack which is filled with ink and is formed into a flattened bag shape from flexible material, wherein the flattened bag shape corresponds to a geometric shape;
a case housing the ink pack and constituting an outer shell of the cartridge; and
a contact prevention member which is provided within the ink pack for preventing close contact between interior surfaces of the ink pack, caused due to a reduction of ink in the ink pack, thereby ensuring an ink flow passage,